

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 51

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Watertown High School cheerleading team on their extraordinary 2006-2007 season

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school organizations that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Watertown High School cheerleading program is renowned for its nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Watertown High School cheerleaders achieved an extraordinary level of success in 2006, a year capped by their third-place finish in the Small Co-ed Division of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) State High School Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional win resulted in a bid to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida; no high school in Wilson County had ever competed in the Nationals before; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise the \$30,000 necessary to attend the Championship, the squad and their parents worked diligently and exceeded the goal in seven weeks; this was a major accomplishment and is a testament to the cheerleaders' drive to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the work ethic of these young men and women is commendable; along with fundraising, the cheerleaders practiced six days a week for three or four hours a day, in addition to cheering at basketball games and continuing their schoolwork, in order to be ready for the national competition; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders' work paid off, as the team placed sixteenth out of thirty-one competing squads, some of which came from schools four times as large as Watertown; and

WHEREAS, the Watertown squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of coaches Nicholle Dorris and Eric Moore; further, they would not have been able to attend the National Championship without the loving support of their community; and

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 cheerleading squad has as its members Sarah Ayache, Amber Hunt, Jessi Locke, Justin Martin, Mark Quintal, Tiffany Wright, Makenzie Murphy, Kaitlyn Phillips, Adam Martin, Brittany Patton, Amber Scalf, Ammie Sortor, Nettie Tryon, Morgan Collins, Missy Franklin, Ashley Taylor, Brooke Taylor, Miranda Trevathan, Meagan Vantrease, and Lindsey Young; and

WHEREAS, the Watertown High School cheerleading team epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men and women not only made possible a stellar season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Watertown High School cheerleading team for their outstanding performance and for serving as exemplars of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Nicholle Dorris, Coach Eric Moore, and the Watertown High School cheerleading team on their extraordinary 2006-2007 season, their capture of third place in the Small Co-ed Division of the TSSAA State Cheerleading Championship, and their sixteenth-place finish at the National High School Cheerleading Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.